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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

PRELIMINARY AMENDME

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 3-8 and 10-11 as follows:

3. (Amended) The system for tracking and locating objects according to claim 1, characterized in that the indication system is physically independent from the tracking means (18).

4. (Amended) The system for tracking and locating objects according to claim 1, characterized in that

the tracking means (18) comprise means for emitting a call signal;

at least one of the transponders (16) is a passive transponder equipped with receiving means for receiving said call signal and with emitting means for emitting a response signal, the receiving means being able to extract from the signal received the energy necessary for activation of the means for emitting the response signal.